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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

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No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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The International Searching Authority has determined that this international application contains multiple (groups of) inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 1, 2, 12

Connector device and use thereof, protected against dripping or splashed water.

2. Claims: 3-9

Connector device with interference suppressor filter.

3. Claims: 10, 11, 13

Connector device, connector system and use thereof with single or group plug on the wiring harness side.